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(SALT TWO-1811)

REFS: A. SALT TWO-1812 B. STATE 172170/1 C. STATE 181703
D. SALT TWO-1813

1. AT JULY 19 PLENARY, MY STATEMENT (REF A) PROPOSED
GENERALIZED LANGUAGE FOR THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES
PER REF B, DROPPED THE TERM "OFFENSIVE" PER REF C, AND
INSERTED A FOOTNOTE TO THE PREAMBLE STATING THAT THE TERM
"TREATY" IS USED IN JOINT STATEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO
FORM OF DOCUMENT, WHICH SHALL BE DECIDED BY GOVERNMENTS.
SEMENOV RESPONDED THAT US PROPOSAL FOR JOINT STATEMENT IS
AN "IMPORTANT AND CONSTRUCTIVE" STEP AND RECOMMENDED ITS
CONSIDERATION BY DRAFTING GROUP, TO WHICH I AGREED.

2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT (REF D) REAFFIRMED SOVIET POSITION
ON CRUISE MISSILE DEFINITION.

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3. AT POST-PLENARY, I TOLD SEMENOV THAT REFERENCE IN JOINT
STATEMENT TO REDUCTION OF AGGREGATE NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WAR-
HEADS IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL NATURE OF OTHER
OBJECTIVES AND WOULD PREDETERMINE COURSE OF FUTURE NEGOTIA-
TIONS. I ADDED THAT INCLUSION OF "ALL RELEVANT FACTORS
THAT DETERMINE THE STRATEGIC SITUATION" IS UNNECESSARY IN

VIEW OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF JOINT STATEMENT.

4. HIGHLIGHTS

OF OTHER POST-PLenary CONVERSATIONS:

JOHNSON/SHCHUKIN. SHCHUKIN STATED THAT THE 18 LAUNCHERS AT TYURATAM WERE DESIGNED AND BUILT AS TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS FOR FOBS; WERE NEVER INTENDED TO BE OPERATIONAL LAUNCHERS AND NO MISSILES HAD BEEN FIRED FROM THEM; AND, THAT NUCLEAR COMPONENTS HAD NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE SILOS. TURNING TO "COOPERATIVE MEASURES" HE WANTED RE-ASSURANCE THAT THE US IS NOT SUGGESTING AN APPROACH INDEPENDENT OF NTM INDICATING THAT ON-SITE INSPECTIONS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.

PEREZ-MCNEILL/KARPOV-SMOLIN-OBOKHOV. KARPOV RAISED REVISION OF US PROPOSAL FOR FIRST SECTION OF JOINT STATEMENT. HE ASKED IF US IDEA WAS STILL TO REFER TO "SURVIVABILITY", ALBEIT USING DIFFERENT WORDS. AFTER DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL SECURITY, KARPOV VOLUNTEERED THAT USSR COULD ACCEPT REVISED US TEXT NOW, WITH EXCEPTION OF LAST FOUR WORDS ("PERMITTED STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS"). HE AGREED TO CONTINUE TO STUDY ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE WORDS AS WELL.

BEEBE-KWIECIAK/JOURAVLEV. RE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, JOURAVLEV ASKED FOR EXAMPLES OF STRATEGIC DEFENSES THE US HAD IN MIND. KWIECIAK RESPONDED THAT WHILE CURRENT PROPOSAL
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DROPPED EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO CIVIL AND AIR DEFENSES, THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF STRATEGIC DEFENSES WHICH COULD BE RAISED IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

5. NEXT PLENARY, THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1978. EARLE

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